

service to its students and the tireless work of their faculty, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable school.

RECOGNITION OF POLICE CAPTAIN  
DARRIN M. MOODY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Darrin M. Moody who is leaving the Fairfield Police Department. After serving two years with the Modesto Police Department, Captain Moody was hired as a Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on September 5, 1989. As an officer, he worked in various capacities that include Patrol, Youth Services, Investigations, Field Training, and Special Activity Felony Enforcement. He was promoted to Police Corporal in 1999 and became a K-9 handler in 2001.

On December 24, 2004, Captain Moody was promoted to Police Sergeant and served in Patrol and Investigations before being promoted to Police Lieutenant on December 7, 2007. He was a strong and decisive leader which led to him receiving the Manager of the Year award in 2007. As a Police Lieutenant, he served as Commander for Patrol, Quality of life, and Major Crimes Bureaus, and for the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

As the Police Department experienced changes in leadership and command staff, Captain Moody constantly stepped in and assisted City management in filling the gaps. Before being officially promoted to Police Captain on May 6, 2011, he willingly assumed the Captain's position twice and managed Patrol Operations in 2008 and 2010.

Captain Moody has been a valued employee and leader and his commitment to the City and community was evidenced on a daily basis. He is commended for his selfless contribution to Fairfield and its constituents.

IN MEMORIAM—FRANK  
ALEXANDER GRANT III

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today in memory of Frank Alexander Grant III, who passed away on September 16, 2014 in his Altadena home following a battle with cancer. A natural leader and mentor to others both professionally and privately, Mr. Grant was a model of achievement and a positive force within the local community.

Frank Alexander Grant III was born in Eureka, CA on December 7, 1942, and grew up on the Yurok Indian Reservation, where he attended grammar school and high school. After graduating as high school valedictorian, Mr. Grant went on to receive a B.S. and M.S. in civil and sanitary engineering from Stanford University. On graduation day in 1966, he married Carole Susan Magnus. Mr. Grant served his country in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps stateside for two years before earning a Ph.D. in engineering at University of California Berkeley in 1972.

Frank Grant worked for over 30 years at MWH Global, an international engineering firm, managing large projects throughout California and abroad. Following a very successful career at MWH Global, Mr. Grant retired as the company's Senior Vice President. He built his own cabin along the Klamath River and was an active member in the Yurok community. Mr. Grant provided economic development advice to the tribe in addition to his involvement in other community organizations and pursuits in both Northern California and the Pasadena area.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Alexander Grant III leaves behind a legacy of professional and personal achievement and community engagement that will not soon be forgotten. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and express our deepest condolences to his wife Carole; sons Frank IV and Philip; grandchildren Frank V, Andrew, Eva and Naomi; brothers Zane Grant Sr. and James Jackson Jr.; and step-mother Elinor Grant.

RECOGNIZING BEN NICHOLSON

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Nicholson, who left the Appropriations Committee staff in October after more than 12 years of distinguished service. Ben started his career serving our Nation in 1992 when he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, serving for 10 years before joining the Appropriations Committee staff in 2002. Since that time, Ben has worked on various subcommittees, and for several chairmen, ultimately becoming the Clerk and Staff Director of the Homeland Security Subcommittee in 2011.

As the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I have had the honor and pleasure of working closely with Ben. He is professional, he is reliable, he is dedicated, and he gets the job done, regardless of the circumstances. Ben is a born leader and a Patriot. He holds himself accountable to a code of the highest standards. He efficiently manages his staff, not by micromanaging but by setting an example and empowering them to make informed recommendations. He is affable, thoughtful, determined to make a difference, and calm under pressure.

As we all know, congressional staff work long hours, and often sacrifice weekends and holidays in order to keep this esteemed institution running. This inevitably takes a toll on personal commitments, and nothing means more to Ben than his supportive and loving family. In his new employment, Ben will hopefully have more time to spend with his lovely wife, Anna, and their son, Tim. I have said before, and I will say again, the Appropriations Committee has the best staff on Capitol Hill. And Ben Nicholson is the epitome of that statement.

Congress, the House, the Appropriations Committee, and I will surely miss Ben's contributions and leadership; but we thank him for his service and dedication and we wish him well now and in the future.

RECOGNIZING CONNIE STEWART  
AS 2014 NONPROFIT LEADER

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Connie Stewart, who was honored on November 5, 2014, with the Northern California Association of Nonprofits 2014 Non-profit Leader Achievement Award, a recognition she richly deserves.

Connie's service to California and my congressional district has been exemplary. Her work on the Arcata City Council, as staff for the California Assembly, and as the executive director of the California Center for Rural Policy at Humboldt State University has improved the lives of many in the community. Connie Stewart has worked tirelessly to promote broadband deployment, economic development, food security, youth leadership, and improved healthcare for all.

Raised in New Jersey, Connie Stewart later attended Humboldt State University, where she graduated with a B.A. in speech communication. She went on to work at the Northcoast Environmental Center for 14 years before serving as senior field representative to Assemblywoman Patty Berg for seven years. Connie Stewart was elected to the Arcata City Council in 1996, was re-elected in 2000, and served as mayor for two years.

Connie Stewart became executive director at the California Center for Rural Policy in 2009. Within four years, she had expanded staff from three to 25 and cultivated relationships with private foundations and government agencies, bringing in millions of dollars for a wide variety of rural projects. During this time, she also served on the Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group Product Design Advisory Team for the Wealth Creation and Rural Livelihoods Initiative. Connie Stewart is well respected throughout the community as a civic leader and rural policy powerhouse.

Mr. Speaker, Connie Stewart's commitment to improving community services through her nonprofit work in Humboldt County is commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, I was unavoidably detained due to the necessity of accompanying the Vice-President of the United States on his visit to Houston and attending to other representational activities in my congressional district, and thus unable to return in time for Rollcall Vote 516. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On Rollcall No. 516 I would have voted "aye" (Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 4194—Government Reports Elimination Act)

# CONDEMNING REMARKS MADE BY FORMER MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my disappointment in Former Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour's offensive remarks regarding President Barack Obama. On a post-election conference call Barbour referred to President Obama's policies as "tar baby."

Although some may feel as though Barbour's remarks were a "slip of the tongue" or not offensive I, as an African American who has been the recipient of such references find such remarks reprehensible.

As the former governor of a state such as Mississippi, Barbour's remarks were particularly degrading to those citizens who still remember being raised in an era of extreme racial criticism and hatred. Remarks such as these demonstrate a lack of racial sensitivity and foster a culture of prejudice.

Mr. Speaker, I am highly offended by Barbour's comments and am offended by his insensitivity.

# IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE SPIRIT OF SPRINGFIELD

## HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Spirit of Springfield. Since incorporated on December 21, 1989, the Spirit of Springfield has entertained approximately eight million area residents and visitors with events that bring the community together in celebration and provide community vitality. These events currently include the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast, Spirit of Springfield Golf Classic, MassMutual Star Spangled Springfield, Tower Square Parade of the Big Balloons, City of Bright Nights Ball, Bright Nights at Forest Park and annual free holiday concert by the 215th Army Band of the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Bright Nights at Forest Park is the largest event the Spirit of Springfield presents and it is in conjunction with the Springfield Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management. The three-mile drive through magnificent lighting displays has been honored by the American Bus Association as one of the Top 100 Attractions in North America for multiple years. 2014 marks the event's 20th season.

The Spirit of Springfield is also pleased to provide event services to the City of Springfield for events that include the mayoral inaugurations, building dedications, swearing-in ceremonies, police academy graduations and September 11th Remembrance Ceremony.

To produce the events, the non-profit organization, which is governed by a Board of Directors and employs three full time employees, raises approximately \$450,000 in corporate contributions and an additional \$450,000 in

donated goods and services. The magic is all made by three full-time employees, college interns, volunteers and a dedicated board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, as a longtime supporter of the Spirit of Springfield, I am very proud to congratulate them on their 25th anniversary and wish them many more years of success with their future endeavors.

# RECOGNIZING FORT BEND COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMIS- SIONER FOR RECEIVING AWARD

## HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fort Bend County Road and Bridge Commissioner Marc Grant for receiving the first ever Road Administrator of the Year Award from the Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators.

This award recognizes the technical and professional contributions of those who ensure the safety of Texas's critical infrastructure. For 14 years, Grant has admirably served the county by managing the maintenance and safety of Fort Bend County's roads and bridges. Strong leadership ensures that this infrastructure allows all of us to safely commute in a highly congested area.

I thank Marc Grant for his exemplary public service. Through his position, he has supported the growth of our county and has expanded opportunity for so many businesses and families in our community. On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we again congratulate Marc Grant for receiving the 2014 Road Administrator of the Year Award.

# TRIBUTE TO FORMER REPRESENTATIVE LANE EVANS

## HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, last week we lost a dear friend and a distinguished former Member of this House.

Lane Evans ably served the people of Illinois's 17th District for 24 years. He had been a public interest lawyer and a Marine veteran when he took office in 1983, and he got right to work fighting for his constituents by standing up for workers' rights, pushing for better care and benefits for those who had served in uniform, and advocating for greater opportunities for middle class families.

Lane was known as a champion of constituent services, helping northwestern Illinoisans get the help they needed from federal agencies and ensuring that casework was processed quickly and effectively. And America's veterans will always remember him for his work on behalf of those suffering from exposure to Agent Orange and those disfigured by land mines. When the Rock Island Arsenal faced cuts and closure 10 years ago, he fought with tenacity and determination to keep it open and save jobs across his district.

Lane was a self-described populist, someone who always put his fight for the common men and women of America first. He always kept faith with those he served, even after receiving the difficult diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in 1995. While his Parkinson's grew worse, Lane only grew more determined to achieve a better future for his constituents and his country. All of us who served with him were awed by his strength in body and in character as he faced that challenge with grace and resolve.

I join with the many whose lives he touched and made better throughout Illinois and across the country in paying tribute to Lane Evans and his legacy. I want to thank Representative CHERI BUSTOS for organizing this special order in Lane's memory and for carrying his work forward in Illinois's 17th District.

The people of Illinois and the United States—and the Members of this House—will not forget Lane Evans, his work, and his unwavering commitment to serving the country and community he so loved.

# HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVER- SARY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE

## HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th Anniversary of Behavioral Health Response. BHR is a nonprofit organization, established in 1994, that provides free 24-hour access to behavioral health services for the citizens of the Eastern Region of Missouri by equipped mental health professionals. BHR continues to play a crucial role in Missouri's behavioral healthcare system.

BHR serves as a prominent asset to the behavioral health community through its cooperation with hospitals, community mental health centers, police officers, and other community organizations. They also provide prompt and constant accessibility by means of private telephone counseling and mobile outreach services. In addition, BHR uses a strategic system of careful administrative work, compassionate calls, and courteous follow-up calls to ensure respect and high-performance for the citizens. BHR complements the efficient and effective deliverance of high-quality healthcare services and largely contributes to the well-being of the residents of Missouri.

For the critical contributions Behavioral Health Response has made to the behavioral healthcare system in Missouri, it is my pleasure to recognize the 20th Anniversary of Behavioral Health Response in the House of Representatives.

# RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH- MENTS OF JOSE ALTUVE

## HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 2014*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the millions of Astros fans in Houston and Texas and throughout the